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SUBJECT: MEETING OF AD HOC ASSESSMENT GROUP OF OIL COMMITTEE,
MARCH 20-21

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1. SUMMARY AD HOC ASSESSMENT GROUP OF THE OIL COMMITTEE
AGREED ON THE TEXT OF A REPORT ON " OIL DEMAND AND SUPPLY
PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS TO 1980." (REF A) IT ALSO
DISCUSSED POSSIBLE AREAS FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION AMONG
OECD MEMBERS. WORK UNDERTAKEN AGAINST BACKGROUND OF
ABSENCE OF US ENERGY MESSAGE, CONTINUING BUT AS YET
UNCOMPLETED EFFORTS OF EC TO DEVELOP A COMMON ENERGY
POLICY, AND CURRENT REAPPRAISAL BY SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRIES OF THEIR ENERGY POLICIES. END SUMMARY.

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2. DRAFT REPORT. ANALYSIS IN DRAFT REPORT, WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY US DELEGATE (EBEL, INTERIOR), WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO GROUP THOUGH SOME CHANGES IN PRESENTATION WERE MADE AND SOME CONCLUSIONS WERE ADDED. AT SUGGESTION OF FRENCH AND EC COMMISSION DELEGATES, PARAGRAPH ADDED WHICH CALLS ATTENTION TO NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT IF SUFFICIENT OIL RESERVES ARE IT AGAIN.

DURING DISCUSSION, TURKISH REP SAID HE DID NOT LIKE 19 AND 11 FORMULA, MENTIONED BY KVITSINSKIY TO FRG REP BECAUSE IT LEFT STATUS OF FLANKS TOO UNCLEAR. GREEK AND ITALIAN REPS NODDED AGREEMENT.

8. FUTURE AGENDA DISCUSSIONS. NETHERLANDS REP NOTED MUCH TIME HAD UNAVOIDABLY BEEN LOST IN PARTICIPATION DISCUSSIONS AND, "THINKING OUT LOUD," WONDERED ABOUT NEXT TASK OF DISCUSSING AGENDA IDEAS WITH EAST. WAS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO TALK OUT EVERY AGENDA IDEA OR WOULD IT BE SUFFICIENT TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS TO EXPLORE INTENTIONS, TO SHOW THAT BOTH SIDES WERE SERIOUS, AND LEAVE FURTHER DETAILS FOR NEGOTIATIONS PROPER. WEST WOULD THEN HAVE AGREEMENT ON PARTICIPATION; SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR JUDGMENTS ABOUT FUTURE AGENDA, AND FORMAL COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE, WITH BOTH SIDES HAVING DEVELOPED IDEAS ON WHAT TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT. FRG REP THOUGHT THIS IDEA WAS VERY MUCH WORTH THINKING ABOUT, ALTHOUGH SUCH AN APPROACH MADE COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH AGENDA FORMULATIONS COULD ARISE, ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT. CANADIAN REP WONDERED IF THIS COURSE WERE FOLLOWED HOW TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON AGENDA, THROUGH PLENARIES, EMIS-SARIES OR INFORMAL TALKS. NETHERLANDS REP SAID WEST SHOULD GO THROUGH THE AGREED SCENARIO AT LEAST ONCE, WHILE CANADIAN REP HELD THAT WEST COULD START INFORMAL SOUNDINGS ON AGENDA, WHILE WAITING FOR INSTRUCTIONS. DANISH REP SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT AGENDA COULD BE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY.

9. US REP SAID DUTCH PROPOSAL MEANT BOTH SIDES WOULD CONTENT SELVES WITH EXCHANGE ABOUT RATHER THAN RESOLUTION OF AGENDA ISSUES, BY PRESENTATION FROM BOTH SIDES AND DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE IN OCTOBER. QUESTION WAS WHEN TO BRING IT UP AND HOW. PERHAPS WE SHOULD WAIT TO RAISE AGENDA UNTIL WE HAD SOME AGREEMENT ON HUNGARY, AND WHILE COUNCIL WAS CONSIDERING HUNGARY, WE COULD DISCUSS AGENDA ISSUE HERE. QUESTION THEN WAS HOW TO LAUNCH DISCUSSION- BILATERALS, SMALLER GROUP FROM 19; OR EVEN SMALLER GROUP FROM 11 (11), E. G. NO LUXEMBOURG AND NO HUNGARY, IN LATTER CONCEPT TURKISH REP THOUGHT QUARLES IDEA VALID, VALUABLE AND WORTH STUDYING IN DETAIL, NOTING THAT COMMUNIQUE WAS BIG QUESTION AND THAT DETAILED

COMMUNIQUE DISCUSSION COULD PROLONG TALKS THROUGH EASTER. ITALIAN
REP REMINDED GROUP OF ITALIAN POSITION THAT NO AGENDA DISCUSSION
SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE HUNGARIAN ISSUE RESOLVED AND ITALY'S
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OPPOSITION TO ANY DISCUSSIONS IN ALL 19 FRAMEWORK. HE ADDED,
HOWEVER, THAT A WAY MIGHT BE FOUND TO START. ON THIS NOTE TURKISH
REPP SUGGESTED VARIATION OF CURRENT EMISSARY TEAM RATHER THAN
SOUNDINGS BY DIRECT PARTICIPANT ALONE; E. G., SUBSTITUTIONS OF
EITHER DUTCH OR US REP BY ONE OR MORE OTHER REPS, AS APPROPRIATE
TO THE SUBJECT. NORWEGIAN REP THOUGHT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO
FINISH, OR HOLD RECESS IN ORDER PERMIT NATO TO FOCUS ON SUBSTANCE.
US REP DOUBTED NATO COULD HANDLE SUBSTANCE AND REPORTS ABOUT
VIENNA DIALOGUE AT SAME TIME. TURKISH REP POINTED OUT THAT GOING
TO PLENARIES WOULD CARRY PRESENT STAGE OF TALKS TO SUMMER, BUT
THOUGHT THAT EARLY FOCUS ON SINGLE COMMUNIQUE COULD BRING
RECESS BY EASTER.

10. US REP POINTED OUT NEED FOR FORMAL TREATMENT OF PROCEDURES
PAPER WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS BINDING FOR BOTH SIDES.
BESIDES COMMUNIQUE, THIS COULD BE ONLY FORMAL OUTCOME OF
PRESENT TALKS. WHETHER IT WOULD BE SIGNED OR ISSUED IN COMMON,
AND IN WHAT FORM, WAS QUESTION FOR FURTHER AD HOC GROUP
DISCUSSION.

11. GROUP PROPOSED TO ADDRESS AGENDA DISCUSSION PROCEDURES AGAIN
AT NEXT SESSION, SCHEDULED MORNING OF MARCH 27. HUMES

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